

**DETAILED ACTION**

1. Claims 1-3, 5-13, 15, 16, 18-20, 28-40, 42, 43, 45-47, 55, and 56 are allowed.

These claims have been renumbered as claims 1-37.

2. Claim 14 has been cancelled in the amendment received on September 14, 2007.

***EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT***

3. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in an interview with Leonard Linardakis on October 7, 2008.

4. Claims 1, 13, 16, 19, 28, 40, 43, 46, 55, and 56 have been amended and claims 4, 14, 17, 41, and 44 have been cancelled as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) : A method for facilitating the comparison of different ad landing pages associated with an advertiser, the method comprising:

a) for an ad to be served, automatically selecting one of a plurality of candidate ad landing pages associated with the advertiser;

b) automatically assembling the ad to include a link to the selected ad landing page;

c) serving the assembled ad; and

d) tracking a performance of the ad in combination with the automatically selected ad landing page, such that, for the ad, a performance for each of the plurality of candidate landing pages, linked from the ad when serving the ad, is separately tracked,

wherein the performance of the ad in combination with the automatically selected ad landing page tracked is at least one of conversion per impression performance, conversion per selection performance, sales per ad selection, sales per ad impression, earnings per ad selection, and earnings per ad impression.

4. (Cancelled)

13. (Currently Amended) : A method for facilitating the comparison of different {ad landing page, ad creative} combinations associated with an advertiser, the method comprising:

a) for an ad to be served, automatically selecting one of a plurality of candidate {ad landing page, ad creative} combinations, at least some of the combinations including different ad landing pages associated with the advertiser;

b) automatically assembling the ad to include the selected ad creative and the selected ad landing page of the selected {ad landing page, ad creative} combination;

c) serving the assembled ad; and

d) tracking a performance of the ad in combination with the automatically selected {ad landing page, ad creative} combinations, such that, for the ad, a

performance for each of the plurality of {ad landing page, ad creative} combinations, used when serving the ad, is separately tracked,

wherein the performance of the ad in combination with the automatically selected {ad landing page, ad creative} combinations tracked is at least one of conversion performance, sales per ad selection, sales per ad impression, earnings per ad selection, and earnings per ad impression.

14. (Cancelled)

16. (Currently Amended) : A method for comparing facilitating the comparison of different {ad landing page, ad serving criteria} combinations associated with an advertiser, the method comprising:

a) for an ad to be served, automatically selecting one of a plurality of candidate {ad landing page, ad serving criteria} combinations, at least some of the combinations including different ad landing pages associated with the advertiser;

b) automatically assembling the ad to include the selected ad landing page of the selected {ad landing page, ad serving criteria} combination;

c) serving the assembled ad; and

d) tracking a performance of the ad in combination with the automatically selected {ad landing page, ad serving criteria} combination, such that, for the ad, a performance for each of the plurality of {ad landing page, ad serving criteria} combinations, used when serving the ad, is separately tracked,

wherein the performance of the ad in combination with the automatically selected {ad landing page, ad serving criteria} combination tracked is at least one of conversion performance, sales per ad selection, sales per ad impression, earnings per ad selection, and earnings per ad impression.

17. (Cancelled)

19. (Currently Amended) : A method for facilitating the comparison of different types of ad landing pages associated with an adviser, the method comprising:

a) for an ad to be served, automatically selecting one of a plurality of candidate ad landing pages associated with the advertiser, wherein each of the plurality of candidate ad landing pages has a different types;

b) automatically assembling the ad to include the selected ad landing page;

c) serving the assembled ad; and

d) tracking a performance of a set of ads in combination with the type of automatically selected ad landing page, such that, for the ad, a performance for each of the plurality of types of landing page, used when serving the ad, is separately tracked,

wherein the performance of the set of ads in combination with the type of automatically selected ad landing page tracked is at least one of conversion per impression performance, conversion per selection performance, sales per ad selection, sales per ad impression, earnings per ad selection, and earnings per ad impression.

28. (Currently Amended) : Apparatus for facilitating the comparison of different ad landing pages associated with an advertiser, the apparatus comprising:

at least one processor;

at least one input/output interface unit; and

at least one storage device, the storage device storing program instructions

which, when executed by the at least one processor, perform a method including:

- a) automatically selecting one of a plurality of candidate ad landing pages associated with the advertiser for an ad to be served;
- b) automatically assembling the ad to include a link to the selected ad landing page;
- c) serving the assembled ad; and
- d) tracking a performance of the ad in combination with the automatically selected ad landing page, such that, for the ad, a performance for each of the plurality of candidate landing pages, linked from the ad when serving the ad, is separately tracked.

wherein the performance of the ad in combination with the automatically selected ad landing page tracked is at least one of conversion per impression performance, conversion per selection performance, sales per ad selection, sales per ad impression, earnings per ad selection, and earnings per ad impression.

40. (Currently Amended) : Apparatus for facilitating the comparison of different {ad landing page, ad creative} combinations associated with an advertiser, the apparatus comprising:

at least one processor;

at least one input/output interface unit; and

at least one storage device, the storage device storing program instructions which, when executed by the at least one processor, perform a method including:

a) automatically selecting one of a plurality of candidate {ad landing page, ad creative} combinations for an ad to be served, at least some of the combinations including different ad landing pages associated with the advertiser;

b) automatically assembling the ad to include the selected ad creative and the selected ad landing page of the selected {ad landing page, ad creative} combination;

c) serving the assembled ad; and

d) tracking a performance of the ad in combination with the automatically selected {ad landing page, ad creative} combinations, such that, for the ad, a performance for each of the plurality of {ad landing page, ad creative} combinations, used when serving the ad, is separately tracked,

wherein the performance of the ad in combination with the automatically selected {ad landing page, ad creative} combinations tracked is at least one of conversion performance, sales per ad selection, sales per ad impression, and earnings per ad impression.

Claim 41. (Cancelled)

Claim 43. (Currently Amended) : Apparatus for facilitating the comparison of different {ad landing page, ad serving criteria} combinations associated with an advertiser, the apparatus comprising:

at least one processor;

at least one input/output interface unit; and

at least one storage device, the storage device storing program instructions which, when executed by the at least one processor, perform a method including:

a) automatically selecting one of a plurality of candidate {ad landing page, ad serving criteria} combinations for an ad to be served, at least some of the combinations including different ad landing pages associated with the advertiser;

b) automatically assembling the ad to include the selected ad landing page of the selected {ad landing page, ad serving criteria} combination;

c) serving the assembled ad; and

d) tracking a performance of the ad in combination with the automatically selected {ad landing page, ad serving criteria} combination, such that, for the ad, a performance for each of the plurality of {ad landing page, ad serving criteria} combinations, used when serving the ad, is separately tracked,

wherein the performance of the ad in combination with the automatically selected {ad landing page, ad serving criteria} combinations tracked is at least one of

conversion performance, sales per ad selection, sales per ad impression, earnings per ad selection, and earnings per ad impression.

44. (Cancelled)

46. (Currently Amended) : Apparatus for facilitating the comparison of different types of ad landing pages associated with an advertiser, the apparatus comprising:

at least one processor;

at least one input/output interface unit; and

at least one storage device, the storage device storing program instructions which, when executed by the at least one processor, perform a method including:

a) automatically selecting one of a plurality of candidate ad landing pages associated with the advertiser, wherein each of the plurality of candidate ad landing pages has a different type, for an ad to be served;

b) automatically assembling the ad to include the selected ad landing page;

c) serving the assembled ad; and

d) tracking a performance of a set of ads in combination with the type of the automatically selected ad landing page, such that, for the ad, a performance for each of the plurality of types of landing pages, used when serving the ad, is separately tracked,

wherein the performance of the set of ads in combination with the type of the automatically selected ad landing page tracked is at least one of conversion

performance, sales per ad selection, sales per ad impression, earnings per ad selection, and earnings per ad impression.

55. (Currently Amended) : A method for facilitating the comparison of at least two different ad landing pages associated with an advertiser, the method comprising:

- a) for an ad to be served at a first time
  - i) automatically selecting a first ad landing page from a plurality of candidate ad landing pages associate with the advertiser, and
  - ii) serving an instance of the ad with a link to the first ad landing page;
- b) for the ad to be served a second time
  - i) automatically selecting a second ad landing page, different from the previously selected first ad landing page, from the plurality of candidate ad landing pages associated with the advertiser, and
  - ii) serving an instance of the ad with a link to the second ad landing page;
- c) tracking the performance of instances of the ad having a link to the first ad landing page; and
- c) tracking the performance of instances of the ad having a link to the second ad landing page,

wherein the performance of the ad in combination with the automatically selected first and second ad landing pages tracked is at least one of conversion per

impression performance, conversion per selection performance, sales per ad selection, sales per ad impression, earnings per ad selection, and earnings per ad impression.

56. (Currently Amended) : Apparatus for facilitating the comparison of at least two different ad landing pages associated with an advertiser, the apparatus comprising:

at least one processor;

at least one input/output interface unit; and

at least one storage device, the storage device storing program instructions

which, when executed by the at least one processor, perform a method including:

a) automatically selecting

i) for an ad to be served at a first time, a first ad landing page from a plurality of candidate ad landing pages associated with the advertiser, and

ii) for the ad to be served a second time, a second ad landing page, different from the previously selected first ad landing page, from the plurality of candidate ad landing pages associated with the advertiser;

b) serving

i) an instance of the ad with a link to the first ad landing page, and

ii) an instance of the ad with a link to the second ad landing page; and

c) separately tracking the performance of

i) instances of the ad having a link to the first ad landing page, and

ii) instances of the ad having a link to the second ad landing page.

wherein the performance of the ad in combination with the automatically selected first and second ad landing pages tracked is at least one of conversion per impression performance, conversion per selection performance, sales per ad selection, sales per ad impression, earnings per ad selection, and earnings per ad impression.

5. The Specification has been amended as follows:

On page 4, at line 3, Patent No. 7,136,875, has been inserted after "10/375,900"

#### **REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

6. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

The prior art of record does not render obvious to one ordinarily skilled in the art at the time of applicant's invention nor anticipate the combination of claimed elements including "receiving a first event affecting the second process after the second process is added to the process contract, wherein the first event is of the at least one type of event; identifying the process contract associated with the second process; determining, using the process contract, whether the first event is a fatal event; killing the second process when the first event is a fatal event; determining whether the process contract requires the owner to handle the event" as recited in independent claim 1 and similarly recited in independent claim 18.

As per claim 10, the prior art of record does not render obvious to one ordinarily skilled in the art at the time of applicant's invention nor anticipate the combination of

claimed elements including "creating a process contract for a process, wherein the process is an owner of the process contract, wherein the process contract defines how to handle at least one type of event; adding a plurality of descendant processes to the process contract, wherein the plurality of descendent processes are added as descendents of the owner; receiving a plurality of events affecting the plurality of descendant processes after the plurality of descendent processes are added to the process contract, wherein the plurality of events are of the at least one type of event."

The contract is interpreted as a contract template (see specification, ¶ 0024, on page 7).

The remaining claims, 2-9, 11, and 19-26, are dependent claims, thus these claims are patently distinct over the art of record for at least the above reasons.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Cheryl Lewis whose telephone number is (571)272-4113. The examiner can normally be reached on 6:30-3:00.

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